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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the FORM PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

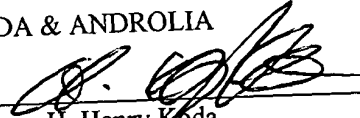
- A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H11-242480 published in Japan on September 7, 1999; and
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. H11-15466 published in Japan on January 22, 1999.

Although the above-listed prior arts are not in the English language, these publications are accompanied by English Abstracts and the concise explanation of relevance of these prior arts is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3). Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for these non-English language prior arts is satisfied.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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